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1. DR. FARRAG INFORMED EMBASSY HE HAD DELIVERED MESSAGE TO SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA BUT THAT THE SHAIKH WILL BE UNABLE SUGGEST DATE FOR MCCULLOUGH/SCHOTTA VISIT UNTIL HIS RETURN TO KUWAIT AND HAS CHANCE CHECK HIS CALENDAR. HIS RETURN WILL PROBABLY BE MIDDLE NEXT WEEK. (DR. FARRAG THEN SAID SHAIKH MIGHT RETURN AS EARLY AS MONDAY OR TUESDAY.) SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA WILL CONTACT OUR AMBASSADOR REGARDING SUBJECT ON HIS RETURN KUWAIT.

2. DR. FARRAG SAID PRESS IN INACCURATE IN ITS REPORT-ING OF POSSIBLE OAPEC MINISTERS MEETING HERE. HE SAID
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NO MEETING OF OAPEC MINISTERS IS SCHEDULED AT ALL

(THE EGYPTIAN AND BAHRAIN OIL MINISTERS ARE NOT EVEN
HERE, HE SAID; HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SYRIAN
MINISTER IS IN VIENNA). IT IS TRUE, FARRAG SAID,
THAT THE OAPEC COUNTRIES HAVE A "CERTAIN AGREEMENT
TO ESTABLISH AN OIL INVESTMENT COMPANY." THE AGREE-
MENT IS READY FOR SIGNATURE, HE SAID, AND SOME OF
THE MINISTERS ARE SIGNING THAT DOCUMENT IN VIENNA.
AS TO NEWS REPORTS OF EVENTUAL ARAB MINISTERIAL
DISCUSSIONS HERE ON A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF THE
BOYCOTT, DR. FARRAG'S ONE-WORD COMMENT WAS "RUBBISH".

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